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SUBJECT: COMMANDER CAMEROON AIR FORCE VISITS US

1. AT INVITATION LOCKHEED, CAPTAIN PAUL YAKANA, COMMANDER CAMEROON AF, LEFT DOUALA VIA PA 187 JANUARY 14 ARRIVING JFK JAN 15 CONNECTING ATLANTA IN ORDER VISIT LOCKHEED FACILITIES MARIETTA, GEORGIA. CAMEROON AIR FORCE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING PURCHASING ONE OR MORE C-130S. YAKANA HAS WRITTEN CONSUL DOUALA INDICATING HE HAS VERBAL PERMISSION MINISTER ARMED FORCES VISIT US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

2. YAKANA MUST BE BACK CAMEROON JANUARY 24, IS INTERESTED ANY USAF BRIEFING AND/OR DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH COULD BE ARRANGED WITHOUT DISTURBING WHATEVER PROGRAMS LOCKHEED HAS ESTABLISHED. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PHANTOM AND OTHER LATE MODEL AIRCRAFT (HE IS QUALIFIED PILOT), GROUND SUPPORT DEMONSTRATIONS, PARACHUTE DROPS, ETC. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF INFORMAL NATURE HIS REQUEST, LACK FORMAL REQUEST THROUGH ARMED FORCES AND FOREIGN MINISTRY CHANNELS, AND GURC SENSITIVITIES ON DIRECT MILITARY CONTACTS, CONSUL DOUALA -- AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY - ADVISED YAKANA THAT EMBASSY ITSELF HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO BRIEFING/DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AND WOULD INFORM STATE/DOD OF HIS INTEREST. STATE/DOD COULD AT THEIR DISCRETION INFORM CAMEROONIAN MILITARY ATTACHE MAJOR

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HANS ANAGHO (265-8790) OF YAKANA'S REQUEST TO CONSULATE.

CONSUL ADVISED YAKANA TO CONTACT ANAGHO ON ARRIVAL TO

ARRANGE, IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST BY CAMEROON EMBASSY TO USG
FOR DESIRED PROGRAM. ANY PROGRAM SHOULD BE COORDINATED ALSO
WITH JOHN BEAVERS, LOCKHEED MARIETTA GA OR WASHINGTON REP
CHUCK MONRO (872-5921).

3. COMMENT. AS INDICATED PARA 2, EMBASSY HAS NO
OBJECTION TO USAF DESIGNING PROGRAM FOR YAKANA, BUT WE DO
NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER WE HAVE PROPER REQUEST TO PERMIT
INITIATING RPT INITIATING PROCESS FROM THIS END. TO PROTECT
USG AGAINST LATER GURC RECRIMINATIONS, STATE/DOD SHOULD HAVE
CLEAR REQUEST FROM CAMEROON EMBASSY/ANAGHO FOR PROGRAM
DESIRED BY YAKANA.
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